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NEW SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS

1. THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS HAD BPULISHED ITS REPORT TO THE
32ST UNGA (DOCUMENT A/31/11) RECOMMENDING CHANGES IN THE
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SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE UN REGULAR BUDGET BASED PRIMARILY

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ON NATIONAL INCOME FIGURES FROM THE PERIOD 1972-74.
THE NEW SCALE IF ADOPTED WILL APPLY TO CONTRIBUTIONS FOR
THE 1977-79 PERIOD. CHANGES IN THE SCALE ARE MADE EVERY
THREE YEARS USING A FORMULA (OFTEN REVISED) WHICH MAKES
ALLOWANCES FOR COUNTRIES WITH LOW PER CAPITA INCOME. THE
US ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE REMAINS AT THE
CEILING OF 25 PERCENT. 81 MEMBER STATES ARE ASSESSED AT THE
FLOOR OF 0.02 PERCENT.

2. NOTEWORTHY CHANGES IN THE NEW SCALE INCLUDE
(A) INCREASES FOR JAPAN (7.15 TO 8.66 PERCENT) AND
FRG (7.10 TO 7.74 PERCENT); DECREASES FOR UK (5.31 TO 4.44 PERCENT)
AND FRANCE 5.86 TO 5.66 PERCENT). ONLY OTHER STRIKING
WESTERN EUROPEAN CHANGE IS SPAIN, WHICH RISES FROM 0.99 TO
1.53 PERCENT. (B) A DECREASE FOR THE USSR (THE THREE SOVIET
MEMBER STATES DROP FROM 15.114 TO 13.23 PERCENT). SOME
EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTIRES ARE UP, OTHERS DOWN. CHINA IS UNCHANGED
AT 5.50 PERCENT. (C) SHARP INCREASES FOR MOST OPEC
COUNTRIES, BUT NOT AS SHARP AS WOULD HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED HAD
THE NEW SCALE BEEN BASED ON 1974 ONLY. THE FIGURES ARE
STILL RELATIVELY SMALL IN ABSOLUTE TERMS. IRAN, DOUBLED,
RISES TO 0.43 PERCENT. SAUDI ARABIA, QUADRUPLED, RISES TO
0.24 PERCENT. KUWAIT, ALMOST DOUBLED, RISES TO 0.16 PERCENT.
VENEZUELA RISES FROM 0.32 TO 0.40 PERCENT.
TOTAL OPEC ASSESSMENT RISES FROM 1.28 TO 2.01 PERCENT.
(D) INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT SKIDS DOWARD, WITH INDIA DROPPING
FROM 1.20 TO 0.70 PERCENT, PAKISTAN FROM 0.14 TO 0.06
AND BANGLADESH FROM 0.08 TO 0.04. (E) BRAZIL BECOMES THE LEADING
LATIN AMERICAN CONTRIBUTOR, RISING FROM 0.77 TO 1.04 PERCENT.
ARGENTINA IS STEADY AT 0.83, MEXICO DROPPING SLIGHTLY
FROM 0.86 TO 0.78.
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